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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JUAN DEDIOS ELICEA-RUIZ, aka Juan Ruiz, Juan Elisea, Dedios Elicea-Ruiz,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 06-10693

D.C. No. CR-06-00589-SMM

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Arizona Stephen M. McNamee, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 26, 2008**

Before: BEEZER, FERNANDEZ, and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

Juan Dedios Elicea-Ruiz appeals from the 46-month sentence imposed following his guilty plea conviction for illegal re-entry after deportation, in

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Elicea-Ruiz's counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided the appellant the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80-81 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal.

Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and the district court's judgment is **AFFIRMED**.